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Since its founding more than 60 years ago, the American Fellowship of Reconciliation, an organization of many religious and ethnic traditions, has carried on programs and educational projects concerned with racial justice, the development of nonviolent alternatives to conflict situations, the rights of conscience and the establishment of international peace. National FOR groups are located in 26 countries in Europe, Africa, South America and Asia.

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1980 NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE VISITS THE U.S.

Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Argentine peace and human rights worker, will visit the United States November 16-23 on the way to receiving the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

His U.S. tour is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), in cooperation with the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.

Perez Esquivel is the director of Servicio Paz y Justicia (Service for Peace and Justice) in Latin America, an organization established to assist groups in various Central and South American countries to achieve a free, just and humane society through active nonviolence. Servicio has given major attention to promoting an international campaign to strengthen the observance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights throughout the hemisphere.

In the midst of this campaign, Perez Esquivel himself was imprisoned by the Argentine government for fourteen months without formal charges and continued under "restricted freedom" for several months. During this period he was adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience. He obtained his full freedom after an international campaign on his behalf.

"It is hoped that the visit of Perez Esquivel will help call attention to basic issues in Latin America," declared Richard Chartier, editor for the FOR's magazine, Fellowship. "The courageous example of Perez Esquivel and countless others should inspire us to join more fully in the nonviolent effort to build a just and free society in Latin America and worldwide."

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